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**In re Application of:** )  
Katsumi SHIBAYAMA et al. )  
**Application No.:** 10/550,682 )  
**Filed:** September 26, 2005 )  
**Title:** PHOTODIODE ARRAY AND )  
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF, AND )  
RADIATION DETECTOR )

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Japanese Office Action dated September 5, 2006 that issued in a Japanese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. A cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the cited document is also attached hereto.

While the Japanese Office Action additionally cites to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Nos. 5-121711 and 2001-291892, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an IDS filed on July 31, 2006 in this application.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract, and from the citation of this document in the attached Japanese Office Action dated September 5, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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